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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I oppose the USTelecom petition. I support fair competition in the telecommunications industry. I have a small independent local broadband carrier and wish to have them keep their access to telecommunication technology now available to them. No to price hikes.

Thank you,

Merrill Schleier